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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Applicants have not added further claims through the subject Amendment. However, Applicants hereby authorize the Commissioner to charge Deposit Account 19-3550 for any fees required by this Amendment.

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of this patent application.

Claims

The Examiner has indicated that Claims 1-18 are allowable over the prior art but for various informalities under 35 U.S.C. §112. Applicants have rewritten Claims 1, 8, 12, 13, 15 and 16 in view of the Examiner's rejections under 35 U.S.C. §112. Applicants urge that such newly rewritten claims overcome the cited informalities and place such claims into allowable condition. In addition, Applicants have amended Claim 19 in view of Nalbach, U.S. Patent 4,561,534, and urge that such amendment places Claims 19 and 20 into allowable form. Applicants urge that such amendments overcome the rejections of the pending claims under 35 U.S.C. §§112 and 102.

Request for a Telephone Interview

Applicants urge that the Examiner contact the undersigned via telephone at 847.490.1400 should the preceding amendments and remarks not result in allowance of the subject U.S. patent application.

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Conclusion

In view of the above Amendment and remarks, Applicants urge that Claims 1-20 of this patent application are now in condition for allowance and early allowance is respectfully requested. Applicants urge the Examiner to contact the undersigned should any issue require further consideration.

Respectfully submitted,



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